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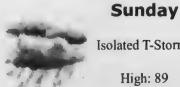
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Isolated T-Storms

High: 89
Low: 65

Emerson Named New Va. Poet Laureate

By SUSANNAH CLARK
Associate Editor

UMW Professor Claudia Emerson, who won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 2006, knew several months ago that she was being considered for the position of Virginia's poet laureate. However, her father's failing health pushed any thoughts about the honor to the back of her mind.

"[The nomination] was right around that time that my father died so I honestly forgot all about it," she said earlier this week in her office at Mary Washington, where she serves as the Arrington Distinguished Chair of Poetry. Even though her father was not there to celebrate the news with her, Emerson's mother expressed great pride.

"My mother was thrilled. She's 83 years old and still lives in my hometown," Emerson said. "It just made her week."

Governor Tim Kaine officially announced his selection of Claudia Emerson.

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Claudia Emerson stands outside of the mansion on College Avenue that houses hers and other creative writing professors' offices. Emerson recently became Virginia's Poet Laureate.

Susannah Clark/Bullet



Newly instituted President Judy Hample addresses a crowd.

Hample Steps into New Role

By JUSTIN TONEY
News Editor

At a faculty meeting earlier this week, Dr. Judy Hample said that her term as new Mary Washington president was off to a slow start.

She said that continuing budget work as chancellor for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education kept her busy until her last contracted day, disabling her from arriving on campus early as she had planned.

Since her arrival, she has been busy seeking private donations from UMW alumni in New England-wide and California fundraising trips.

Dominating her mind are concerns about the state of residence halls and private fundraising.

Her concern about dorm living conditions came up when asked about the one weakness she sees in UMW.

"If I could change one thing about Mary Washington I would wave a magic wand on the interior of the residence halls," she said.

As she believed the school's buildings are its greatest weakness, Hample saw people as its greatest strength.

"We have an outstanding committed faculty and high-caliber students," she said.

Her other big priority, private funding, may become all the more important as her presidency continues.

"I had my first meeting with the council of presidents from across the state and it seems to be a given that there will be budget cuts. We don't know how broad they are going to be, but we do anticipate reductions," Hample said.

She pointed out that the common-

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Low Dollars and Change

Princeton Review Ranks MW
Low in Student Financial Aid

By ANNIE KINNIBURGH
News Editor

Although it received high marks for its intimate classroom settings and quality of professors, the University of Mary Washington ranked #5 on the Worst Financial Aid list in the 2009 edition of the Princeton Review guide to undergraduate colleges.

According to the review, only 13 percent of incoming freshmen and 12 percent of overall undergraduate students received need-based financial aid during the 2007 school year.

The percentages of students receiving scholarship or grant aid was even lower, with only 11 percent of freshmen and 6 percent of overall undergraduates receiving non-need-based aid.

UMW President Judy Hample said the report, which was compiled from random surveys of students, raises valid concerns.

"We know that we don't have enough money to give out to students to provide financial aid," she said. "I have no doubt that some students have had unpleasant experiences."

Hample said that the school was emphasizing private fundraising, another option to increase student financial aid.

"We raise as much money as we can privately, which is our only other av-

enue to have money to give out," she said. "So we're doing all we can."

Hample stressed that the administration was taking concrete steps to increase student aid and provide services, and cited the building of a "one stop shop" for student convenience in the renovated Lee Hall.

"Our people work very hard to make sure that students get the services that they need," she said. "We're trying to be proactive in this and we are working very hard to correct those problems."

She also said that the poor review might reflect student interactions with the Financial Aid Office as well as the amount of aid received. The administration has made plans to improve that relationship.

"We revised staff evaluation processes to where customer service is now a component of staff evaluations," Hample said.

Vice President of Enrollment Communications Martin Wilder noted that the Princeton Review write-up also included many positive statistics, and that the University continues to move forward with projects in progress.

"Ninety percent of the review is very positive," he said. "And we have excit-

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Ex-Prof Dies While Under Investigation

By JUSTIN TONEY
News Editor

Eight days after Sibby Emory died in questionable circumstances, her husband of 50 years also passed away in their Fredericksburg home.

Police found the former UMW geography professor, Samuel T. Emory Jr. of local restaurant fame, dead on arrival.

His son and next-door neighbor, Samuel T. Emory III, said that police had suspected him and his father of killing Sibby Emory.

Fredericksburg Police spokeswoman Natasha Bledsoe called Sibby Emory's

death "unusual."

On Aug. 10, police found Sibby Emory dead on arrival in her home. According to Bledsoe, police believed that she died the day before while her husband was home.

"It was certainly considered an unusual and suspicious death, but no charges were brought to either Mr. Emory or his son," said Bledsoe.

She said that investigators think Sibby Emory bled to death after suffering a blunt head trauma. Emory III says he has not been told definitively how his mother died.

No coroner's report has been filed concerning Sibby Emory's death.

Bledsoe said that there was nothing suspicious about Sam Emory's death, except that it was unattended, a cause for investigation.

Cases investigating both Sam and Sibby Emory's deaths remain open.

Emory III spoke with resentment about police investigations into his mother's death. As conversation changed to memories of his father, his tone became happier and relaxed.

"He didn't like to talk," Emory III said. "He loved soil and rock forma-



Dr. Samuel T. Emory

tions, and he loved to travel."

Sam Emory's passion for travel corresponded with his education in geography.

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Weekly Events

Comedian:
Alexandra McHale



Great Hall
Friday, Aug. 29
8 p.m.
Free for UMW students

Field Day



Kickball, Tug of War, Dodgeball, Capture the Flag
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Intramural Field

Cheap Seats



Friday- Sunday

7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Ironman and the Chronicles of Narnia
Dodd Auditorium
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An intruder entered Brompton Mansion this summer while then-Acting President Rick Hurley and wife, Rose, were home.

Police Beat

Summer Highlights

By JUSTIN TONEY
News Editor

May 6- at 4 p.m., Director of Belmont Estates Gary Melcher reported that keys including the key to Belmont were taken from a broken-into vehicle at Aquia Park in Stafford County. The keys were not recovered.

May 8- at 6:00 p.m., "Smoke," "Penalty" and "Psycho" tagged property in the Sunken road parking lots. UMW police, in conjunction with the Fredericksburg Police Department identified the two 15-year-old Fredericksburg residents responsible. They were referred to the Juvenile Probation Office, and are being made to pay \$375 in restitution.

May 10- at 12:30 p.m., an individual turned in a purse found at Chandler Hall. A 42-year-old New York resident identified herself as the owner. She reported that her keys, credit card and approximately \$400 in cash were missing. The next day, she told police that all of the items except for the cash were found at her hotel room.

May 31- at 7:20 a.m., officers found unintelligible graffiti on the Project Building at Sunken Road. The individual responsible was identified, but no charges have yet been made.

June 5- at 4:56 p.m., an employee claimed to have seen a rabid raccoon near Tyler House. The "extremely large" animal reportedly growled at passersby. Another witnessed said that it was just a normal raccoon. When police arrived, the raccoon had fled the scene. There are no suspects.

June 11- at 8:00 a.m., a 19-year-old male UMW Apartments resident reported that both of his bike tires, valued at \$100, were stolen off of his bicycle between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. the previous day. There

are no suspects or witnesses, and the case is still under investigation.

June 20- at 1:00 p.m., a 19-year-old male Apartments resident reported injuring his hand at 12:45 a.m. by punching a window while intoxicated. The student was referred to Residence Life for both damages and intoxication.

June 23- at 8:33 a.m., police found evidence of an attempted break-in to a storage building at the women's softball field. The door lock and handle were both destroyed, resulting in \$325 in damages. The culprit had not gained entry into the building. There are no suspects or witnesses, and the case is still under investigation.

June 25- between 2:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., a 44-year-old female UMW employee reported that her purse containing \$365 of cash and property had been stolen from her vehicle. She had left the purse in her unlocked vehicle with the windows down. Her credit cards have not been used after the incident. Investigations are ongoing.

June 26- at 12:20 p.m., a 20-year-old female summer student reported that a man assaulted her on a bench in front of Trinkle Hall. The assailant sat next to the student and started making conversation. When she got up to leave, he stood and kissed her on the head. Andre Lamar Horner was found on campus walk and charged with assault and battery. The 40-year-old Centerville resident was released from Rappahannock Regional Jail on a \$2500 bond.

July 2- at 3:50 p.m., a female University employee at the College of Graduate and Professional Studies campus reported that her estranged husband

harassed her at work over a document. Timothy D. Harlaux hung up the phone as she attempted to call the police when the confrontation became too heated. After fleeing the office, she dialed 911. Stafford County police arrived and notified UMW police. The woman obtained an emergency protective warrant against Harlaux as well as a warrant for interfering with an emergency call.

July 4- at 1:26 p.m., UMW police received a call of a possible car crash on Sunken Road near the parking deck. UMW police arrived to find Fredericksburg police already on the scene of a single-vehicle accident. A 2006 Dodge Charger had sped through a ditch, jumped over a concrete embankment, flattened a light post and had been abandoned on the field construction area. Fredericksburg police located 19-year-old driver Michael McPherson II in the city. McPherson, who left his wallet in the car, was charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol.

July 9- at 5:54 p.m., an officer eating a late breakfast at Seacobeck Hall was informed that a student in another room had passed out and hit her head on a table. The 18-year-old female Summer Transition student was conscious when the officer arrived. She said that she had donated blood earlier in the day, and refused medical assistance. The officer drove her back to her on-campus apartment.

May 2- at 2:30 a.m., a 20-year-old male student reported his license plates stolen from his vehicle on Hanover Street. The tags were entered into a national database. There has been no further information.

Break-in at Brompton

By KAT SAUNDERS
Assistant News Editor

On April 13, 2008, an intruder broke into Brompton, the University's presidential mansion. Vice President Rick Hurley, then working as the Acting President, was at the residence when the break in occurred.

According to Hurley, his wife Rose was entering the kitchen when she encountered a man coming into the house through the basement stairs. Startled, she screamed that someone was in the room.

Hurley grabbed his wife, and the two ran from the house and contacted the police at 6:33 p.m.

Although Brompton is equipped with an alarm system, it was not activated during the evening of the break in.

"We never used it because we felt

so safe in the house," said Hurley. No similar incident has occurred at the residence since 1946, when the University bought the property.

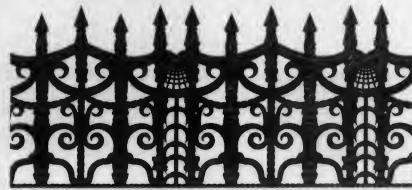
The University Police listed "Burglary, Breaking and Entering," "Grand Larceny" and "Obstruction of Justice" on the crime log for the event, but did not provide further details on the case. An arrest was made on April 13.

After the break in, security patrol of the grounds were increased and additional lights, including motion activated lighting, were installed.

Hurley and his family remained at Brompton until late May. Hurley said that the family enjoyed their time living there, and felt

safe in the residence and on campus. "I think it was an isolated instance but it points out that everyone should be aware of their surroundings and taking precautions to ensure their safety," he said.

Outside The Fence



By HEATHER BRADY
Assistant Viewpoints Editor

Regional

Jermaine Montgomery, 34, was charged with abduction, capital murder, and robbery on Aug. 25 for the abduction and subsequent death by stabbing of 24-year-old Spotsylvania County Chinese deliveryman Yong Hui Zhang. Commonwealth's Attorney Bill Neely said that similar charges against Montgomery in the City of Fredericksburg will be dropped, but that he will seek the death penalty for Montgomery. (The Free Lance-Star, Aug. 26)

National
The Democratic National Convention, held Aug. 25-28 in Denver, CO, featured former Virginia Gov. Mark Warner as the keynote speaker, with Sen. Hillary Clinton as the prime-time speaker. Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois will be the Democratic Presidential Candidate, and Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware will be his running mate, after the acceptance speeches the night of Aug. 28. (Washington Post, Aug. 25-27)

Global

Russia has recognized the official independence of Georgian separatist regions South Ossetia and Abkhazia, to the chagrin of Georgia and the Western countries backing it. The area has been in recent military turmoil due to the movement of troops by Russia and Georgia in South Ossetia, and tensions have mounted further as Russia supports the regions' attempts at gaining independence from Georgia. (New York Times, Aug. 27)

Financial Aid to Improve

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ing things coming along, like the Park and Shop property. A lot of things are being handled in pretty quick order."

According to Hamble, the University has performed strongly in many other college rankings, including the Forbes.com list of best value colleges, where it came in thirteenth in the nation.

According to the US News and World Report guide to America's best colleges, the University of Mary Washington ranked sixth among Southern-region universities and third among

public universities in that same region.

"These take into account an even wider range of things," Wilder said.

"The schools that tend to rise to the top are the students with really high quality teachers."

However, Hamble said that the Princeton Review write-up will not be dismissed, and that the issues raised about poor financial aid will be addressed.

"We take all information very seriously because we take every student's opinion seriously," she said.

Viewpoints

Staff Editorial

It's a little hard to believe we're back. It was a long summer, one free from exams, deadlines and academia of any kind. Our focus was tied up in Beijing these past weeks, considering how much of a difference one one-hundredth of a second can make and the sheer ferocity a professional badminton player can exude.

But the summer's torch has been extinguished, for now, and we're back; some of us more willing than others.

Whether you're settling into life at Mary Washington for the first time or you're a seasoned veteran, we hope you're set to get the most out of your time in Fred.

A lot has happened since we last printed. Much of it very recently. Our phenomenal professor of English, Claudia Emerson, was just named poet laureate of the Commonwealth of Virginia, a torch she takes from Carolyn Kretz-Foronda, a 1969 alumna of Mary Washington College. UMW is ranking high in polls of the country's best colleges. Seaco now has a sushi bar.

We've also had more sobering news. An attack over the summer at the Battlegrounds left the community shaken and looking for answers. Sam Emory, a former Mary Washington professor and Fredericksburg citizen extraordinaire, passed away last week.

And amidst it all, a new class of freshmen signed the Honor Code and began their journey at the University. Welcome. If we can promise you anything, it's that the next four years will be far from boring. You will be challenged, tempted, encouraged and frustrated. And much like Psych Services, we offer you an outlet.

This year, we want to hear from you. We work hard to produce a reliable, informative and entertaining paper, as well as a campus forum. If you have suggestions, submit them. If something is pissing you off, tell us why. There is a plethora of ways to be involved in the Bullet. Write an article. Take a photo. Draw a cartoon. This is your newspaper, UMW.

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More reports to come.

Send your comments, questions, and rants to umwbullet@gmail.com, or come visit us in the basement of Seaco. We look forward to being your #1 source of news and commentary in the Mary Washington community, and we know it will be a great year.

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor:

I was glad to see Kat Saunders' piece on the new rules mandating 40% of purchases from SWM vendors, but I was disappointed by the lack of depth.

While I share Joe Mollo's frustration at not being able to run to Target, the problems run much deeper than that. The system is rife with inefficiency.

At the chemistry department, we have found that we must now purchase items from vendors who are serving as middle-men for

larger vendors who we used to be able to deal with directly. The middle vendors charge more and are slower, since now we are not purchasing from the big guys like Fisher Scientific, but from people who take our order, purchase it from Fisher, and then mark up the price.

This is bad fiscal policy on the part of the State, and it would be nice to see some real investigative journalism about this.

Dr. Charles Sharpless is an Assistant Professor of Chemistry.

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The camps would close, and we would have to turn back over 1500 campers.

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bag for the rest of his life after having a length of his rotted intestines removed.

"We'll give him a special merit badge," Lambert said. "We can call him 'E-coli Scout'."

Nobody laughed.

Think you can draw better than this?

If so, contact *The Bullet* at umwbullet@gmail.com.

Camp Staffer Shares Summer E-coli Memoir

BY JUSTIN TONEY

News Editor

seriously than we did.

The reservation administrators canceled the fire-cooked dinners and removed beef from dining hall menus.

Staff at each of the camps set up hand sanitizing stations at the entrance to every dining hall, and the staff at PMI took on the arduous task of getting scores of third and fourth-graders to use them.

Unfortunately our efforts had not been enough.

Ben somberly took a few of us aside. The rumor machine of camp had already spun stories of a bear or violent trespasser to explain why our supervisors forbade us from taking campers outside of the parking lot.

The camps would close, and we would have to turn back over 1500 campers. Some of us embraced and others wept when we heard the news. The moment of disappointment was short-lived, though, as we turned to our work.

"Come on," said my friend Nicolas Montes. "This is still their week one."

In the face of angry parents, upset children, the barely controlled pandemonium of coming and going cars and our own sense of failure, the sounds of laughter and song deafened it all.

We gave those kids one heck of a good show, and sent them off smiling. It was the least we could give.

Later, Scout Executive Al Lambert told us that some of the bacteria survived on the surfaces of camp equipment used by those who had become ill. He joked about the boy still in intensive care, who will wear a colostomy

The staff at Camp PMI on the Goshen Scout Reservation was tired that first Sunday in August as they gathered in the shade to prepare for the upcoming week. For first-year rookies and eight-year veterans alike, the toll of the long hot weeks that strained our bodies also focused our remaining energies on work.

At the gathering, Program Director Ben Litten reminded us that this would be the last week of campers. He asked us to spare no effort for the sake of the scouts who would start to arrive within the hour.

"This is week six for us," said the seven-year-veteran of the camp, "but it is still week one for them."

"This is the only week they get."

We enthusiastically cried out our traditional cheers, oblivious to the decisions being made that would close down the reservation in less than an hour.

Earlier that morning, I had heard Reservation Director Mike Donaghu mention a meeting about "the e-coli issue," but that two-week-old issue had already been resolved, as far as anyone knew.

As is now media history, a California-based beef provider shipped nearly a quarter of a million pounds of uncooked ground beef tainted with e-coli bacteria. Unbeknownst to Sodexo, the food provider to Goshen, the raw meat they handed to young boys to cook over a fire contained a strain of bacteria that eats away at the intestinal wall, causing bloody diarrhea.

After thirteen campers from three of the six camps at Goshen became ill, the Virginia Center for Disease Control kept a careful eye on camp activities. With one boy from PMI in critical condition, none took the task more

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Viewpoints

Sexclamations

By KJ Adler, Staff Writer

Welcome back UMW-ers to another fun-filled semester of sex-themed stories of intrigue and suspense. With the summer days shortening and my departure for a different country quickly approaching, I can safely admit to all of you without having to face repercussions until December that I, Kevin Janice Adler, have a horrible addiction, one that I am not proud to admit.

It began this summer when I was living on Wolfe Street and taking summer classes. After one particularly grueling day of learning how to write memoirs and finding phallic symbols in the Arthurian tales, I came home to a lounging roommate staring at the idiot box with her mouth hanging open.

I sat beside her, relieved to put my brain on hold for a short while before having to go out and buy groceries.

There on TLC, to my amazement and horror, was a show about a family of eight kids, twins and sextuplets, and two angry and neurotic parents having to take care of them. Being an only child I have never been exposed to unfiltered chaos 24/7 but this family lives in it.

After that first time I couldn't tear away. Every time this "Jon & Kate Plus 8" came on, I found myself sitting down and watching with pure fascination as the family would struggle to have breakfast or go to a Fourth of July parade or go to bed. And in between each misadventure the show focuses on the mother and father sitting on a couch, reflecting on what had happened and what their thought process was.

In every episode there is at least a five minute segment where the cameras focus on the kids screaming their little heads off and telling on each other to their mommy and daddy. It makes me so happy that I am not a parent.

But by far my favorite segment is in the show's introduction where the voiceover of Jon and Kate explained that they could not naturally conceive and ended up with twin

girls. After their miracle, the couple decides to try for one more. Instead the intro cuts to a shot of Kate's overextended belly holding six babies in it.

You know that joke about fat people? His belly comes through the door and then five minutes later he'll show up? That was one of those bellies.

If you've read my articles before you already know my general feeling about pregnancy and births: eeeew. So to pop out six little screaming newborns is a nightmare and a half for me.

Now don't get me wrong. I am all for helping couples with reproductive problems and such, but these super families are ridiculous. Man is not supposed to have litters. Our bodies can't handle it. Kate was bedridden for three months of the pregnancy because her stomach was just too much.

So how do these multiple births happen? When the doctor artificially inseminates a woman's eggs he will fertilize and insert as many as possible into the poor lady because more often than not most of the eggs will not survive in the woman. If, however, you have crazy strong eggs like Kate's then you end up with a day-time show that bored college kids like myself get addicted to. And I have to say I am so grateful that I am not them.

So what is my conclusion? Boo on unnatural births? Not so much. Yay medical induced miracles?

Nah, I guess the main message of this article is that sex can cause a baby, tubes can cause many babies, and tying your tubes gets rid of the whole predicament. Just say no to artificial insemination unless it is your last option because once you go for that option results may vary from a mild headache to near bankruptcy, a shaky marriage and six new mouths to feed.



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Cursed By The Bell

By Susannah Clark, Associate Editor

Welcome freshmen:

Congratulations on surviving your first few days. Before you embark upon the rest of the "best four years of your life," it is my duty to warn you about "The College Years" syndrome.

"Saved by the Bell," the teen comedy from the early 90's, still rules Saturday mornings in syndication today. Pre-teens and twenty-somethings alike can relate to the one-dimensional characters, didactic plot-lines and social problems that can be solved in a 22-minute timeframe. Not to mention A.C. Slater's wrestling uniform.

After four seasons of outwitting Mr. Belding and subliminal public service announcements, the cast of "Saved by the Bell" finally graduated in 1994, making way for the quagmire that was "The College Years."

"Saved by the Bell: The College Years" lasted for one painstaking season. Four of the main characters just-so-happen to attend the same college, and interact with several new characters, including their dorm advisor who also happens to be a former professional football player. There were no lockers for Screech to be stuffed in and the chemistry between characters deteriorated. Needless to say, "Saved by the Bell's" wacky "be yourself and accept everyone" motif did not translate into the oversexed party scene that is dorm life.

Graduates of Bayside High School are not

the only TV idols to suffer from the dangers of higher education. When TV characters enter

college, writers struggle to maintain attachments and draw out ongoing plotlines in an attempt to preserve the magic that once was. In "Sabrina the Teenage Witch," the main character's aunts both get jobs at the university she attends. In "Sister Sister," Tia and Tamera live in the same dorm room. And of course, "Boy Meets World's" Cory and Topanga get married in college.

College should not be an extension of high school. In reality, your new professor will not be Mr. Feeny.

For the next four years, you should take on a new role: make new friends, date new people, pull pranks on the dean, not the principal.

Don't go home on the weekends; instead, create new sets. Rather than milking your teenage years until they spoil, put them away to be preserved as "Wonder Years."

Even while NBC was promoting "The College Years," the cameras were still rolling for "Saved by the Bell: The New Class." Life goes on. The "OC" may be over, but "Greek," ABC family's new hit series about college life, is all geared up for its second season.

Move on, freshmen. The finale has aired and all cliffhangers are addressed. It's time now to change the channel and start a new series. Leave high school to the New Class.

Hample: You want the truth?

The following is a copy of President Judy Hample's speech to the class of 2012 at their August 21, 2008 Honor Convocation in Dodd Auditorium:

Honor is one of the most cherished principles at the University of Mary Washington. In choosing to attend UMW, you have chosen to enter into an environment that is truly "different by design." As new students to the University, and I as a new President at UMW, we are together entering a very special community. The University strives to educate principled leaders and citizens. Later this afternoon when you pledge to the Honor Code, you are committing to integrity, respect, responsibility, and accountability in everything you do. This System will work, however, only through the collective efforts of all students.

I am sure that many of you have seen the movie, "A Few Good Men"—a movie mostly about an unwritten code of conduct, but much of the movie focused on the obligations of a Marine to uphold his Code of Conduct. Can't you still hear the exchange between Tom Cruise and Jack Nicholson as Marine Colonel Jessup explaining that when his orders aren't followed, people die, and that his Marines follow a code with no flexibility that is greater than any one man? While violations of the Honor Code at UMW won't

bring the same drastic results as in the Marines, the personal shame and unhappiness of one found guilty of violating the Honor Code could be similar. I'm sure that you remember the immortal wailing of Iago in Shakespeare's Othello (Act III Scene II, abridged version): "Who steals my purse steals trash;...But he that filches from me my good name Robs me of that which not enriches him, And makes me poor indeed." Or in the more simple words of Benjamin Franklin, "...Reputations, like china, are easily broken and difficult to repair."

The Honor Code is more than words on paper to which you will pledge; it is your personal commitment to live an exemplary life where you respect yourself and others and behave in a disciplined manner worthy of emulation. In making this pledge, you promise to be a person of integrity and trustworthiness, willing to live and work in a manner whereby you treat others as you would have them treat you. And in the words of the great Winston Churchill, you are promising to "never give in—never, never, never, in nothing great or small, large or petty, never give in, except to convictions of honor and good sense."

Last week before most students and faculty members arrived on campus, I used the opportunity to visit some out-of-state alumnae and alumni. Among the alumni there is still strong adherence to the philosophy and practice of the

Honor System, and it is remembered fondly. I was struck, in particular, by one alumna's business which is modeled very much on the version of the Honor System she lived with as student at Mary Washington. I had the privilege of meeting several of her employees and getting a feel for the workplace environment. Her colleagues talked about feeling empowered and how they couldn't wait to get to work in the mornings. Please believe me when I tell you that you don't see such behavior every day in the business world. In applying Honor System principles and investing trust and confidence in her employees, she is reaping great benefit—financial and personal.

The Honor System at UMW has indeed become a way of life. As young men and women you will do the right thing just because you know it is the right thing to do. Mutual trust characterizes relationships between students and faculty, and a spirit of personal honor and integrity pervades our student body.

I have confidence in all of you that you will ensure the successful continuation of the long-standing Honor Code and Honor System Tradition at UMW. I personally look forward to partnering with you as we go forward to do so.

Entertainment

Fredericksburg Free Store Returns

By LAUREN ORSINI
Staff Writer

Power Ranger shower decals, a garlic press, and a purse shaped like a bunch of bananas: these items are just a small sample of what can be picked up at the Fredericksburg Free Store, which returns to 810 Caroline St. this Saturday.

This is exactly what the Free Store's founders had in mind, according to their mission statement.

"It's as simple as we want to give you our things and take the serviceable possessions you no longer have use for off your hands. No political agenda, no strings attached, everything is absolutely free," said co-founder Sarah Bachman.

The Free Store made its debut in Fredericksburg last September, an idea sparked by co-founders and siblings Sarah and Daniel Bachman.

"A friend of ours, Addison Herron-Wheeler of VCU, attended a free store at JMU on her way to visit my brother and I when we were staying in Staunton, VA. The three of us started planning it that night and everything worked out pretty well."

The first free store was September of last year, and I'd say it was well received. There weren't too many people and there wasn't too



image courtesy of facebook.com

much left over when the day was done. The second one was a different story. This will be our third," said Bachman.

However, the three don't work alone: there are eleven different coordinators of the Free

Store in Virginia at present. They come from not only UMW, but also VCU, and several local high schools like Chancellor and James Monroe.

I paid my first visit to the Free Store last September, after I saw some flyers on campus. I

recognized the location, the Third Floor at 810 Caroline St., from the art shows there on First Fridays.

When I got there around 11 a.m., there was already a big group of people rummaging around and dropping their own stuff off. There were community members as well as students in the mix.

I came originally to drop off bolts of fabric I would never use, but ended up picking up a pair of salt and pepper shakers shaped like fruit.

Throughout the year, when I commented on a friend's eclectic dorm décor or Halloween costume, I heard, "Oh this? I picked it up at the Free Store."

One important thing to remember is that this upcoming Saturday is Free Store etiquette. As the Facebook page for the event aptly quotes Karl Marx, saying "From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs."

Be polite and don't grab more than you need. And by all means, contribute! Join the Facebook event before Saturday, and if you write on the wall and say you'd like to bring some of your junk to the store, a coordinator will gladly pick it up for you.

Remember the rules, and you're set to have a great time at the Free Store.

Top Five Cheap Nearby Music Venues

A List for the Broke College Student on a Budget

By RYAN MARR
Staff Writer

It's the start of a new school year which can mean one of several things. Seaco is serving edible food, there are still remnants of the summer's last paycheck in your wallet, and you're already sick of having to listen to people gripe about how there's nothing to do here in Fredericksburg.

In fact, the next person I overhear on Campus Walk loudly verbalizing this complaint is going to get tackled or politely handed a copy of this week's Bullet, depending on my mood.

So here's my answer to all of you long-winded downers, a list of five places to catch jaw-dropping live entertainment this semester "without draining your wallet or, in some instances, your gas tank.

1. The Loft- Just a five minute walk from campus, this bar at the corner of Princess Anne and William St. hosts live music every weekend for the 21-and-up crowd. If you're like me and that demographic doesn't apply to you, no need to sweat it. The Loft opens its doors on the last Thursday of every month for a show that's not only 18-and-up, its light on the wallet as well. (\$5-7)

2. 3rd Floor Studio- Not more than three blocks down from the Loft, above the corner of Caroline and Hanover St., sits this multi-purpose venue. Home of Fredericksburg All Ages shows, the 3rd Floor Studio also exhibits local art and hosts the Fredericksburg Free Store. No need



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You don't have to pay through the nose to jam out in arenas like this one, small venues can be just as entertaining.

to sell your textbooks for this one either. (free-\$5)

fares can be insane and I'm fairly certain the FRED doesn't do I-95. (\$15-40)

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3. 930 Club- If you don't mind shelling out a few extra bucks and running the risk of getting lost in D.C. looking for a parking spot, this is your best bet for catching any mid-major act on tour. Taking the metro is always an option assuming you make the last train by midnight- cab

4. The Black Cat- The thrifty alternative to 930 Club, this grungy, yet always energized venue has been a staple of the D.C. underground music scene since the early 90's. Cramped walls ensure you'll be rubbing up against more than a few sweaty, tattooed elbows, but with tickets this cheap it's hard to complain. (\$5-

5. Toad's Place/ The National -

Relatively recent additions to the area, both nightclubs have given Richmond's pathetic music scene a much needed kick in the pants. Now, with a full tank of gas, you can snag tickets to that Wu Tang show and still make it back for your 8 AM class. (\$10-45)

Spotlight

"Evil Urges"

by My Morning Jacket (2008)

By AARON RICHARDSON
Entertainment Editor

My Morning Jacket have been called the Southern rock equivalent of Radiohead. Their latest album, "Evil Urges," reinforces that analogy soundly.

Having moved from spaced out rock and roll on "It Still Moves," their break-through record, to electrified dance beats on "Z," MMJ have made a smooth melding of the two for their latest effort.

"Evil Urges" is a soulful yet danceable rock and roll record celebrating the pleasures, or urges, of life on planet earth. The record begins

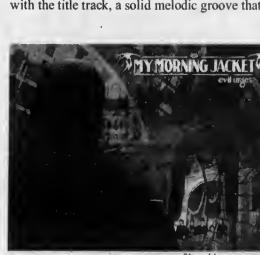


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MMJ fans will recognize and appreciate.

One of the most exciting things about My Morning Jacket is that they are a fairly young band, which means they still have acres of room to grow.

Songs on "Evil Urges" range from the soulful title track to the beat-heavy dance anthem "Highly Suspicious," which features some of the most intense bass in recent memory.

From there the album moves back to the song "I'm amazed," a track which could have easily fit in on "It Still Moves."

This record means that My Morning Jacket have come into their own as a band.



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Entertainment

A Spaceship Visits Virginia

By LANDON JAMES
Staff Writer

The psychedelic space odyssey that is arena-rock giant Boston invaded Virginia recently and took no prisoners.

On the evening of August 8, 2008, the sky above Glen Allen, Va., was filled with cosmic sounds as Boston played to a packed field at Innsbrook After Hours' Snagjob.com Pavilion.

For a mere \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door, concertgoers could get as close to Boston as they wanted. Well, at least as close as the fence surrounding the gold circle seating, which cost extra.

Gary Pihl, rhythm guitar, Tom Scholz, Boston founder and pianist/organist/lead guitar, Michael Sweet, vocals and guitar, Kimberley Dahme, bass, and Tommy DeCarlo, lead singer, joined together to form the most eclectic lineup Boston has ever had.

Other than the fact that Dahme is the only female to ever grace Boston's lineup, more interesting is the story behind the new lead singer DeCarlo.

According to news.cnet.com. MySpace played a key role in the band finding the singer. DeCarlo, 43, was a credit manager at a Home Depot in North Carolina when the opportunity arose for him to take on a new role of leadership in one of the most progressive bands of its time.



and the rest is history.

When Scholz heard DeCarlo, he swore it was Delp singing. That was all he needed, and the band brought DeCarlo onto the spaceship.

DeCarlo and the band more than delivered at Innsbrook and fooled many in the audience including myself.

His voice was eerie and creepy/uncanny in its resemblance to the former lead singer.

Playing to the crowd's middle-aged desires-and teenage desires as well-Boston delivered hit after hit and even threw in a few or two that die-hard fans could enjoy.

Eventually, as a tired and musically demolished crowd licked their wounds, the lights dimmed and the band exited the stage.

The extraterrestrial presence was gone.

But only for a moment, as the band jumped into a boisterous encore of "Smokin'" and lit the air on fire.

And as the smoke lifted, the band exited, and an extraordinary evening turned in to an ordinary drive home.

The Loft Brings Back Celebs vs. Stoners 18 and Up Shows

By STEPHANIE BREIJO
Assistant Entertainment Editor

New faces and ears at Mary Wash might not recognize the recent UMW grads of indie-pop outfit Tereu Tereu, but bringing fun and new music to the Fredericksburg community is what The Loft's 18+ Thursdays are all about.

With a trumpet, a keyboard, a drum kit, clang guitars and a penchant for helping the community, Tereu Tereu and its band member, Adam Bray, have helped expand the Fredericksburg music scene through collaborating with The Loft and Third Floor Studios.

"We're just trying to start off the school year getting people excited about live music downtown and getting students off campus to hear and experience some bands that are from and touring in Fredericksburg," Bray said.

Those who remember Tereu Tereu from semesters past also get the added bonuses of new music; the fabulous five of Richmond's Prabir and the Substitutes add Elvis Costello-like punk and happy Beatles-esque harmony, while North Carolina trio The Never brings its dance, tormented

tunes to Fredericksburg for the first time.

Started on the last Thursday of January 2008, the 18+ shows became the monthly compromise for student-friendly events when The Loft solved its underage drinking problem by closing the venue off to the under-21 crowd.

Over the summer, audience members have been scarce at the 18+ nights, said Bray, though he also added that the last three shows of the semester had

been close to selling out, and thinks the trend will continue this year.

Hoping to further involve the UMW community, Bray wants to include student bands in upcoming Loft lineups.

"We're gonna start off by making a splash and by trying to include some new Mary Wash bands," Bray said. "It'd be a great experience for them and I don't want Tereu Tereu to play every single show. It'll be neat to expose someone new, that way they can have a new crowd to play for."

There will only be three 18+ Loft nights this semester due to Thanksgiving and Christmas falling on the last Thursdays of both November and December. There are also plans for a potential reggae night in September. If you're new in town or happen to be a UMW vet returning to the academic trenches, bring your dancin' shoes to 1005 Princess Anne St. this Thursday.



Tropic Thunder and Pineapple Express Throw Down for Position as Summer's Top Comedy

By STEPHANIE BREIJO
Assistant Entertainment Editor

From stoners in need of a witness protection service to panda-killing action spoofs, two weeks of August redefined the meaning of summer blockbusters with all the gusto of both *Pineapple Express* and *Tropic Thunder*'s C-4 and machine gun fire combined.

While the first half of the season saw Downey, Jr. clean and pompous as ever in *Iron Man* and Ledger, Bale and Eckhart

bloodying the already grime-laden streets of Gotham in *The Dark Knight*, it looked as though summer's films would all be superhero heavy.

Luckily, comedic divinity ruled that this season's blockbusters were not all as dark and brooding, reaching only the hue of Downey, Jr.'s surgically tinted skin.

Tropic Thunder, under Ben Stiller's direction and writing skill, is still raking in profit as one of the highest-grossing spoofs of all time, as offensive as it is successful. Robert Downey, Jr. plays an Australian method actor who undergoes a controversial skin procedure to play an African-American while Ben Stiller leads the group as an action star trying to save their career.

As if the black humor (no pun intended) could reach no lower depth, Jack Black plays a drug-addicted comedian going through withdrawals in the



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group as the team "acts" (read: miraculously survives) in Vietnam amidst a tiny drug dealer and conniving, trigger happy film executives.

The film, though offensive, is still tasteful. Its racial issues and blatant commentary on Hollywood offset its pungent, did-they-just-go-there humor, while adding in the hilarity of an all-star cast. Plus, Tom Cruise gets his groove on in a fat suit.

But *Pineapple Express*, Judd Apatow's stoner saga, topped Stiller's high-budget spoof, raking in over \$62,932,000 thus far.

Starring Seth Rogen as a weed-smoking process server and James Franco hilariously cast as his dealer, the film combines action with stoner merriment when Rogen witnesses a murder, which leads to a conspiracy, which of course, leads to being hunted by a murderer and a cop, all while trying to make it to dinner with his teenage girlfriend's family.

The real surprise of the summer was not Apatow or Stiller's brilliance.

It wasn't the blatant jeering at the government and cultural institutions. It was the so-low humor in which pandas, Slurpees and any humility that Tom Cruise may have ever possessed had to do with bringing films that stood up to cinematic milestones and fantastic final performances. In short, it is that guns and weed are as powerful as Bruce Wayne's prestige.

Beck's Modern Guilt a True-to-Form Gem

By JOHN MALTEMPO
Staff Writer

With soothing melodies and rhythmic lyrics connected flawlessly by a mix of folk, rock, samples, drum tracks, and the consistent addition of the abnormal, Beck does not disappoint with his newest album "Modern Guilt."

For more than a decade Beck has offered up a different kind of music, fusing genres, creating something new and fresh with every album released.

The new album has a mood that varies from somber and serious, such as in the first song, "Orphans," to upbeat and a bit more light hearted with the second song "Gamma Ray."

"Orphans" begins the album with a slow and steady bass drum soon followed by a mix of bass and an underlying synth.

The lyrics reflect the title appropriately with lines like "And these children leave their rulers behind." He sings about a lonely journey through life until he sees [his] maker a coming" and ends with a chorus of woe. "Gamma Ray" quickly follows with a pop guitar riff reminiscent of the 1960s.

The flow of the song feels much lighter than

that of "Orphans," but is brought back down with the third song, "Chemtrails." The song begins with a gloomy but sooths synth-organ and bass.

The vocals are passed through a reverb filter to add a feeling of removal from the music. To offset the initial mood the drums come in and bring an out of place roughness to the song. The drums soon die out, returning it to its original placid sound, but ending with a cluster of overdriven guitar and drums.

Following "Chemtrails" is the title track, "Modern Guilt." "Modern Guilt" has a perpetual static in the background of the song, adding a vintage feel.

It begins with drums and bass, bringing in a

synth-piano throughout the lyrics and a guitar during the chorus. The lyrics are about the guilt that is "all in our hands" even though we "don't know

what [we've] done but [we] feel ashamed."

The following song, "Youthless," brings a much different feel to the table. It has a slightly hip-hop beat flowing from the guitar/bass, with an occasional synth and a very minimalist drumbeat in the background. "Youthless" is the sixth song on the album, adding a violin into the mix.

Again it brings a sad tone to play; a violin slowly and sadly sweeping in the background with a back track of high octave opera-esque singing.

"Walls" ends abruptly making the dub beat of the next song, "Replica," even more unexpected. "Replica" takes a drum track, extremely fuzzed and places it with a very clear synth-piano.

Because of "Beck's" layered vocals the song has a very three-dimensional feel to it. The eighth song, "Soul of a Man," has an extremely alternative rock feel to it with a slightly folkish soul in the middle.

A heavily overdriven bass starts the song leading to a melodic, but short, chorus and another heavy break down. For a brief moment the song opens into a folk like feel with clean guitar and a bit of slide.

After "Soul of a Man" comes "Profanity." Opening with what is possibly "Mykonos Movements" and keeping them throughout the song it goes into an extremely jaunty overdriven-guitar and drumbeat. The song clears up towards the end with a clean guitar and sooths reverbs that leads into an ending solo.

The final song on the album, "Volcano" is particularly cheerful. The lyrics suggest that there was no knowledge of any past, and only one place to end, the volcano, leading to the Earth's womb. The song ends abruptly once again, as if it were extinguished in the blazing lava of a volcano.



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Features

UMW Ranks Well On Top

By BRITTANY DeVRIES
Features Editor

With its recent high reviews in *Forbes.com's* online magazine, *US News and World Report*, *Fiske's Guide to Colleges*, and other nationally recognized surveys, the University of Mary Washington has more reasons to chime in clock tower bells.

In *Forbes.com's* recent review of United States public and private institutions in "America's Best Colleges," UMW came out 13th among public campuses, and stood 144th overall.

Michael Noer, executive editor of special projects for *Forbes.com*, commented on the results for the campus.

"In keeping with the 569 colleges that were ranked, 144th is an outstanding result," Noer said in a phone interview.

Noer teamed up with Ohio State University Economist Richard Vedder, director of the CCAP (Center for College Affordability and Productivity), to conduct this five-part research project. The team looked at student evaluations from *RateMyProfessor.com*, the notable alumni in "Who's Who in America," the number of students that graduate in four years, as well as the amount of debt students collected upon graduation, and the percentage of notable awards presented to students and faculty.

Martin A. Wilder, vice president for Enrollment and Communications, said that UMW's high rankings result from the quality of its students, and the faculty and their work at the University.

"UMW does very well in the *Fiske Guide* and other guidebooks and rankings because of the quality of our students, the quality of our faculty, and the



Brittany DeVries/Bullet

Students sit at the fountain in front of Monroe Hall. UMW ranked 13th among public campuses in *Forbes.com's* 2009 review, and 7th in *US News and World Report* for universities in the South.

quality of our educational programs," Wilder said.

In the *US News and World Report's* 2009 edition of "America's Best Colleges," UMW ranked seventh among southern Universities, and 3rd among public universities in that region. *Fiske's Guide to Colleges* named UMW in the top 23 bracket of public schools, and 49th among overall public and private institutions. *Fiske* praised UMW as among the top universities with the best education for a reasonable cost.

Rigorous learning at an affordable price was the same intention Noer and teammate Vedder had in their *Forbes.com* review.

"We are measuring something different, asking if kids enjoy their experience, if they get out in four years with little debt, and if these people go on to

accomplish good things in life," Noer said.

Senior Patrick Whelan agreed that not only did UMW's reputation as a small but growing institution lead the way to such high reviews, but also through the success of its faculty.

"It is in large part the success and efforts of our faculty that creates such a rigorous curriculum. It is a small school but constantly growing, and you can't beat the education you get for its dollar."

Forges' online magazine received many negative comments about the results of their project, including ones that questioned the inaccuracy of results from *RateMyProfessor.com* and "Who's Who in America," the latter a publication that can be bought into. Noer referred to some of the comments as

"brand name" and "knee jerking elitism," and believed that the biased results were countered by results that were right on target.

"There is no reason for US Reports to have a monopoly over this, and we are very pleased that our results don't replicate rankings, because they have no value otherwise," Noer said.

Wilder said that *Forbes.com's* methodological use of students' ratings highlighted the teaching excellence that is a hallmark of the campus.

"The fact that UMW is featured in so many national publications does help to build the stature and recognition of the University," he said. "The *Fiske Guide* is perhaps the most respected of the various college guidebooks. Their evaluation of UMW is extremely positive."

UMW Hosts Art

By BRITTANY DeVRIES
Features Editor

Joseph Di Bella, distinguished art professor at the University of Mary Washington, was chosen to take part in an exhibit hosted by UMW Galleries this fall.

Di Bella will be featured in an exhibition on Virginia painters whom organizing curator Leigh Anne Chambers chose for their use of the camera and computer.

Starting off the school year in the busiest fashion, UMW Art Galleries prepares for its kick-off exhibits. The first is titled "Images of Japan: A Portfolio of Modern Japanese Prints from Private Collections," and it will take place from Thursday, Sept. 4 to Saturday, Oct. 25 in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery.

The second showing, to be exhibited in the Dupont Gallery, is "Virginia Painters: Process Unveiled," from Thursday, Sept. 4 to Sunday, Oct. 5.

Anne Timpano, director of UMW galleries, explained that these two exhibits create a strong juxtaposition of art.

"Although the two exhibitions may seem to have no apparent relation on the surface, they both reflect contemporary artistic expression from different cultures," Timpano said.

Timpano was glad to see Di Bella as one of the seven chosen VA artists.

"We were particularly interested in bringing this exhibition to our campus because it features one of our own faculty members," she said.

Out Around Downtown Is Food, Fun

By KAITLIN MAYHEW
Assistant Features Editor

Hyperion: A short walk down William St. for the best coffee in town. Just be sure to have cash.

Sammy T's: Caroline St. Great if you are a vegetarian, or trying to eat healthy, or just like food and are tired of campus fodder.

Bangkok Café: Caroline. Good Thai.

The Griffin: Caroline St. Adorable little book shop with an extensive coffee bar inside.

Here and Abroad: Best kept secret downtown. Serves a variety of dishes from incredible sandwiches to delectable chocolate mousse. Behind Hyperion.

Rappahannock River: The river is very scenic and at places very shallow, great for wading or just cooling off.

The Wounded Bookshop: A historic locale and bookstore in one! Located on Amelia St., it holds events like film festivals and book readings through the Fredericksburg Athenaeum.

Canal Walk: Scenic and enjoyable on a day with nice weather.

Sorry Mom Tattoo: 18 and ready to rebel? This tattoo parlor, on Caroline St., will do the job. **Spark Plug Tattoo** is also good, and just around the corner.

Jake and Mike's: Extremely close to campus on William St. across from the Texaco. They take EagleOne dollars. Best for lunch though, dinner items

can get a little pricey.

Carl's Ice Cream: Princess Anne St. Famous in Fredericksburg and loved by all. Carl's is a longer trek, on Princess Anne St., but most locals will tell you it's worth the walk.

Fortune's Chinese Restaurant: Caroline St. The best Chinese food in town, featuring well-known Volcanoes, mixed alcoholic drinks that are delicious, fruity, enormous, and drank with a foot-long straw.

Goolrick's Pharmacy: This is no CVS. Goolrick's, Caroline St., is an authentically old-fashioned pharmacy that provides not only medication but also amazing malts and milkshakes.

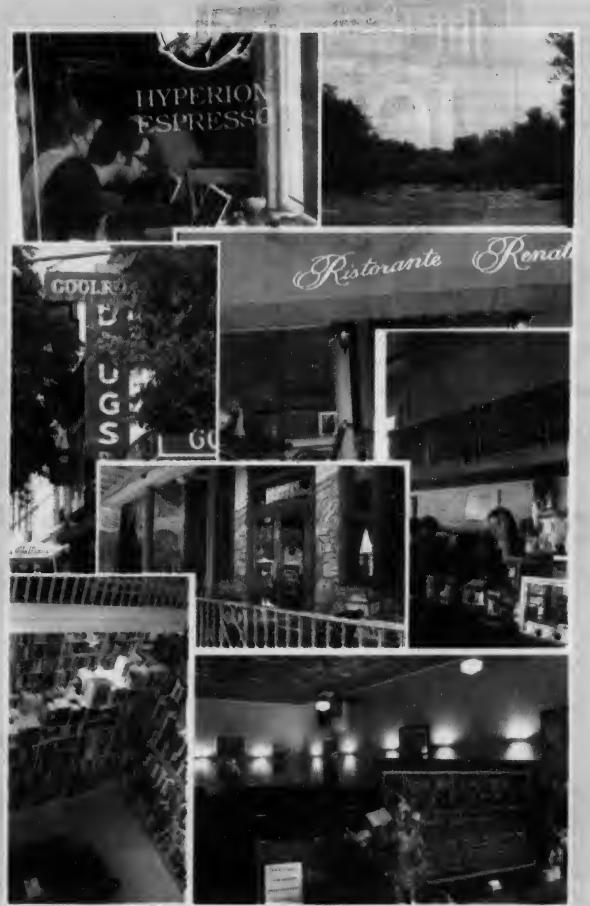
Renato's Ristorante: Authentic Italian food, pure and simple. Good if you're in the mood for a more elegant experience, though the check will be pricier.

Riverby's Bookstore: Caroline St. A great place to buy used books with an inexpensive and extensive selection for every taste and interest.

The Olde Towne Tobacconist: Pipes, loose tobacco, cigars, and a landmark wooden Indian statue outside on Caroline St. Inside, the staff will show you a wide array of tobacco products for all tastes and budgets.

The Free Store: Free Stuff. On Caroline St. This Saturday.

J. Brian's Pub and Tap Room: Cool pub with great food and a kitchy atmosphere. If you're 21, enjoy the classic rock jukebox and great draft beers in the adjoining bar.



From top left to bottom right: Hyperion Espresso, Rappahannock river, Goolrick's Pharmacy, J. Brian's Tap Room, Hyperion, Riverby's Books, and Sammy T's.



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Town's "T" Stands For Tasty

Casual Downtown Dining Delivers Healthy Options, Calm Atmosphere

By BRITTANY DE VRIES
Features Editor

Maybe it is the relaxed, welcoming environment—lit candles, big booths, and old architecture. Maybe it is the friendly, helpful service standing to greet customers as they walk inside. It might be the extensive menu for every palette, or maybe it is the outstanding selection of bottled beers.

Whatever it is, downtown Fredericksburg's Sammy T's Restaurant, which was started by the late Samuel T. Emory, Jr. in 1980, keeps the crowds walking in, and for that matter, leaving with a smile.

Immediately, a server seats you at a large, comfortable booth that separates your party from the rest of the dining room's patrons. For warm summer days, outdoor seating is also available, and around the side there is a separate dining room for customers who prefer a non-smoking environment.

Bill Hartig, a server and bartender at the restaurant, explained that the non-smoking section has become increasingly popular in recent years.

"The separate dining room is very unique," Hartig said. "A couple of years ago, it was dead back there, but now it's always the first to fill up."

The menu is exhausting, filled to the

brim with a variety of tasty dishes like tri-colored Cheese Tortellini, New Brunswick or Gazpacho soups, delicious Crab Cakes, many types of open-faced sandwich melts, and delectable desserts. For appetizers, be sure to try their homemade Tzaziki and "Chi-Chi's" hummus dips with tortilla chips, veggies, or pita wedges (\$3.95-8.95).

The Vegetable Delight Soup is overflowing with fresh veggies, and the light Gazpacho is perfect for hot weather. All bowls of soup (\$4.95) are served with rolls and butter.

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"It's nice to have so many options for vegans and vegetarians," Astley said. "It's a great restaurant, a great place to go with friends on the weekends."

The restaurant is popular with every age and type of person, filled with college students, large families with small children, young couples, and seniors who have been frequenting the establishment since before any of us were born.

For the beer and wine enthusiast, try Sammy T's before going across the street to another bar.

Hartig, and fellow co-worker Mickey Wiesner, boasted that the restaurant has "one of the best bottled beer selections in town." If you're 21, it carries domestics like Blue Moon, Sam Adams, Budweiser, Pabst, and Sierra Nevada, but also imported, bottled selections like Dos Equis Amber, Grolsch, Lindeman's Peach Lambic, Sam Smith's, and Mariner. There is a good list of White and Red wines ranging from \$4.50-6.00/glass, and also, the place has regularly a list of featured



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Sammy T's specializes in varieties of healthy vegan and vegetarian dishes.

beers, like the Virginia-brewed Star Hill Jomo Ale.

Throughout the visit, the server was quick to bring out the food and answer any questions. When asked about the dessert, he recommended the Honey Oat Pie (\$5.00), a gooey slice of warmed pie that is homemade by one of the waitresses. Another huge favorite is the delicious Apple Crisp (\$5.75), served hot with vanilla ice cream.

Senior Caitlin Goldman had consist-

ent praise for the restaurant in terms of its good food and hospitality.

"The food is delicious every time I've gone," she said.

For the college students who are pinching pennies, Sammy T's has healthy and tasty selections that are affordable, if not inexpensive. Paired with its great staff and unique, chill environment, this place is a must this weekend—for those who've never tried it, and those who have.

Hamble Helps Out MW

By ANNE LONGERBEAM
Assistant Features Editor

Judy G. Hamble has a unique approach to student orientation week at the University of Mary Washington.

Hamble, 60, is the first female president at the University of Mary Washington. July 1, Hamble also became the eighth president since the creation of the State Normal and Industrial School for Women, now UMW, in 1908.

Amidst the chaotic background of freshman move-in day with families loading and unloading their vehicles, students' first attempts at meeting people, and residence life staff directing, President Hamble was in the residence halls visiting new students.

Chris Porter, director of Residence Life, was asked about Hamble's hands-on approach to visiting the arriving students.

"I think it's a great experience to be able to see your president out and about, and know that she knows what's going on because she's seen it," Porter said.

Porter also reflected on the positive qualities her visit brought to the campus.

"I absolutely love that she is warm, approachable, wants to get to know students, and wants to be out there; I find her really delightful," said Porter. "I think that's something the students

here need."

One goal Hamble has for this year is to raise \$8.2 million more to meet the \$75 million needed for the Centennial Campaign by July 2009, according to The Free Lance-Star.

Hamble is not new to the college scene: for the past 10 years she has served as an administrator for public university systems in both Florida and Pennsylvania.

As former chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education in Harrisburg, Hamble oversaw 14 public universities consisting of 110,000 students. Hamble has hired 11 university presidents since August 2001.

Freshmen had the opportunity to listen to President Hamble's welcoming speech on August 20th. The speech took place at Marye's Heights, a civil war site about a block away from campus.

Hamble decided to reflect on the heroic soldier, Richard Rowland Kirkland otherwise known as the Angel of Marye's Heights, who gave water to both sides of the soldiers during the Battle of Fredericksburg.

Freshman Paul Longerbeam felt like President Hamble included a reflective



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President Judy G. Hamble lent a hand to freshman students on move-in day.

attitude of the students in her talk.

"The story she told about the man who risked his life to help comfort not only his troops, but his wounded enemies as well was impactful," Longerbeam said. "It was a good example of the spirit and proper attitude of the students here at Mary Washington."

Freshman Rebecca Zeitz liked how the civil war site was appreciated by President Hamble.

"I thought it was appropriate that President Hamble encompassed the history of Fredericksburg into her speech," Zeitz said. "As incoming freshmen, college may give us the opportunity to leave our own mark in history."

THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID

By KAITLIN MAYHEW
Assistant Features Editor

Moving into a first apartment should be an exciting time, full of paint colors and poster sales, not police reports and scary multiple door bell 9 am wake up calls. Alas, the last month of my life has been filled with the events most resembling the latter.

Despite the initial excitement my two roommates and I felt at finding and securing our first off campus living quarters, it seems as if signing the lease was the high point of the moving in process. Everything since went going downhill.

The first load of belongings was dropped off in July, which was also when we found out the apartment had not been cleaned. There was hair in the kitchen sink, thick layers of dust and dirt on the blinds, and the bathroom was nothing short of repulsive. We later found out that the last tenants were college boys. I'll leave the rest to the imagination. Anyway, we called our ever unreliable hardly ever reachable absent minded property manager and asked if they could send a cleaning crew in to make the place livable. By some miracle she answered and assured us it would be done within the week. So, we dropped off our cargo and returned home.

Upon returning to our humble abode a few days later we were surprised to find all of our things left their previously gone. Yes, I was robbed after having an apartment for a week. Although the cleaning crew swears they threw it out, why any sane person would throw away an oriental rug, handmade table, mugs, brand new blender, etc. is beyond me and frankly suspect. We eventually worked out a settlement with the maintenance company, however the check

for the damages has yet to arrive, despite our property manager's assurance that it should have arrived on three separate occasions.

As if that wasn't traumatic enough for three first time tenants, the air conditioning unit broke the second day. Our ever-appearing property manager assured us that someone would be there to fix it the next day. That was two weeks ago. He arrived yesterday.

I awoke with a start to the furious ringing of our doorbell. Fortunately our air conditioner miraculously began working about three days after we reported it broken, which was good for us, but made for an awkward conversation with the repairman.

In addition to these lovely happenings we also have a broken ceiling fan, three broken doors, one of which is the back door, and are bereft of a garbage disposal which we were assured would be included. If you've ever had to clean clumps of oatmeal out of a kitchen sink so it won't clog the drain you understand why a disposal is necessary.

In any case my roommates and I have abandoned the idea that our apartment experience could ever be perfect and resolved to settle for unique. In the spirit of being different, as we were trolling the Internet in search of wall decoration, my roommate came upon an inflatable elk head mounting. I don't know if anything like this has ever previously been encountered. Just to be clear, we are all very animal friendly in apartment C3 the head is made entirely of plastic. However at first glance is enough to deceive or at the very least startle. Bernie, as we have come to call it, is a good representation of our apartment as a whole I think, unique, a good conversation starter, potentially controversial and at the same time completely awesome.

News

Former Prof Passes

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He received a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, and began teaching at Mary Washington College in 1959.

In his upcoming history of the University, history professor William Crawley calls Sam Emory the "patriarch" of the geography department, crediting him with the most responsibility for its creation.

During an interview, Crawley described Sam Emory as an "old-school" professor.

"Sam was a rather reticent person. He appeared somewhat shy. He had a wonderful sense of humor, and what I would call a disarming smile," Crawley said.

"He had the aura of what used to be thought of as a typical ivy-league professor," he added.

Crawley's history of UMW describes Sam Emory as having a devoted following of students. Emory III recalled hearing his father talk sometimes of faculty and students around family dinners.

Emory III also recalled how his father was very involved in the city, working with the Fredericksburg City Planning Commission, the

Salvation Army and the local homeless shelter, among other organizations.

"He thought it was an obligation to give back to the community," Emory III said.

Sam and Sibby Emory established the landmark downtown restaurant, Sammy T's, in 1980. People who knew them described them as being very close.

John Fedowitz, general manager of Sammy T's, considered Sam Emory a friend.

He recalled humorously how the 75-year-old "stole a car" after his license had been revoked so that he could drive to the grocery and buy cookies, ice cream and frozen pizza for the Sammy T's staff.

"I wonder if Sammy T's will be able to make it without its parents," Fedowitz said.

"I feel sorry for [Sam's] son," he added. "He's all alone."

Emory III, the 48-year-old presumed inheritor of his parents' restaurant, has worked there since the age of 18.

He says that if he inherits the business as his father said he would, he would definitely keep the business open. Emory III has yet to read his father's will.

Fedowitz said that Sam and Sibby Emory

would dine almost daily together at their restaurant. After Sibby Emory's death, Sam Emory's visits became noticeably rarer.

Fedowitz suspected that Sibby Emory's death and the ensuing investigation emotionally affected the decrease in her husband's appearances at Sammy T's.

"I don't know how it affected him, but imagine you're in his shoes: police accuse you of killing your wife," Fedowitz said. "I'd hate the police."

Emory III said that on the day of Sam Emory's death, he walked next door around 9:20 a.m. to assist his father, who he described as "bedridden." At the time, Sam Emory appeared fine to his son.

He said he returned approximately two hours later, and found his father unresponsive.

After Sam Emory's phone malfunctioned, Emory III returned home and called the police.

According to the incident report, Fredericksburg Police department dispatched emergency response personnel to Sam Emory's home at 12:15 p.m.

No time or cause of death has yet been officially established.



The Battlefield 1979

Hamble Comes to MW

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wealth only provides 27 percent of the University's operating budget, and the rest must come from private funding and tuition and fees.

"Private fundraising is the absolute responsibility of any university president and is one of my major responsibilities," she said.

"I believe it is through private fundraising that UMW will achieve a margin of excellence."

In addition to her meeting with other Virginia university presidents, Hamble also recently had her first meeting with the Fredericksburg town-gown committee, which deals with issues brought up between the city and the school.

"The president sets the tone for the University's relationship with the community," Hamble said. "UMW has a great relationship with the community and I want to enhance and strengthen that bond."

She felt that the meeting expressed that the town is on good terms with the University.

"They want to work with us, and that's how we feel about them; we're partners. We need each other."

In another comment, Hamble addressed her philosophies on the educational direction of the school.

"I think that the foundation of UMW has been historically a commitment to the traditional liberal arts and science, and under my leadership I expect that to continue," Hamble said.

She added, "That doesn't mean the University hasn't in the past offered programs in the professional areas. We would expect them to continue and even expand."



Justin Toney/Bullet

As an example, Hamble mentioned a current inquiry into possibly expanding into limited healthcare programs.

"But our commitment will always be to the traditional liberal arts and sciences, because that's our great strength, and we always want to go with great strength," she said.

Hamble was reticent to comment on the previous three individuals who have held her current position in the span of the last three years.

Having never met former president William Anderson, who retired in 2006, she felt that she could only comment on his impact.

"It's very clear to me that because this campus is in such a great institu-

tion, he has clearly left a remarkable legacy, a great institution, a beautiful campus. I think a lot of that is due to his leadership," she said.

About Rick Hurley, who served as acting president from 2007 until recently, she reiterated what she has said previously.

"I commented publicly that I have seen a lot of individuals take on acting positions and usually they're placeholders. I think it is remarkable what Acting President Hurley did. He continued to move the University forward through some very difficult times," she said.

When it came to former President Frawley, Hamble had no comment.

Professor is Va.'s Poet

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son as poet laureate of the Commonwealth of Virginia, on Tuesday, Aug. 26. The poet laureate is selected by the Governor from a list of nominees compiled by the Poetry Society of Virginia. The poet serves a two-year term.

Along with the Pulitzer Prize for her collection *Late Wife*, Emerson has won many fellowships and awards for her poetry, including the Academy of American Poets Prize and the Witter Bynner fellowship from the Library of Congress. She has taught at UMW since 1998 and was awarded the Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Award in 2003.

Emerson has kept the news of her latest honor to herself for the past two weeks.

"It was maybe two weeks ago that Governor Kaine's office called and left a message for me to call back," she said. "I can't imagine any other reason why the Governor's office would call me, so I called back and they told me that he had chosen me. I was honored to accept. I had to fill out a lot of paper work and send that in. It's not official until the Governor announces it, so I had to wait to tell anyone."

Emerson is particularly honored to work for Governor Kaine. "I think Tim Kaine is a good governor," she said. "He's done a good job. To be picked by someone I admire is just nice. Also, last fall I was at the State Library Literary Awards receiving an award in Richmond, and Tim Kaine was there to present the Lifetime Achievement Award to Tom Wolfe. He spoke beautifully about Tom Wolfe and his career. It is clear that he is a good reader and that he is interested in the arts. It was double the honor."

Newly appointed UMW President Judy Hamble praised Emerson's achievements in an email to the *Bullet*: "On behalf of the UMW community, I congratulate Professor Emerson. Claudia's prolific creative abilities continue

to bring recognition to her and distinction to the University of Mary Washington. We are deeply honored to have a colleague with such breadth and depth of talent."

The outgoing poet laureate, Carolyn Kreiter-Foronda, graduated from Mary Washington College in 1969 and was named Alumna of the Year in 2007. Emerson has been smiting with Kreiter-Foronda since her nomination.

"After I was nominated I told Carolyn that I have a full-time job and am already busy with a lot of professional commitments and community things," Emerson said. "She told me that that's what a poet laureate should do: promote poetry about awareness about it."

Emerson says her workload will not change. Though she is currently on sabbatical, she plans to continue to help organize readings and other events in Fredericksburg and other parts of the state, and to continue to be a presence in the University community.

"The state of VA just has really wonderful writing programs and a lot of wonderful poets who live right here," she said.

She also expressed her continuing commitment to UMW's creative writing department. "I'm hoping to plan an event on campus this spring with visiting poets," she said. "I'll have to see how much funding we'll have. That's something I have in the back of my mind—but not just about me but about Mary Washington too."

Associate Professor of English Warren Rochelle is especially excited about the positive pull this achievement has for the new creative writing program at UMW.

He said in an e-mail, "I think a creative writing program is best served by practicing writers, and this honor calls attention to the quality of instruction that students receive in the program and it provides a living and dynamic example of the working poet and of poetry as a living and vital art form. We are even more visible on the literary and academic map."

Though prestigious, the position of poet laureate for the Commonwealth of Virginia does not come with a stipend or any other form of monetary compensation.

"As far as I know it's unpaid," she said. "I will not earn any money as the poet laureate, in that way it's honorary. I am someone so fortunate and this gives me a way to give back."

Hamble Facts

Judy—not Judith—was born in 1947 in Henderson, Tenn.

Earned a Bachelor of the Arts in communication and secondary education from David Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn. She received her master's and doctoral degrees in communication from the Ohio State University.

In addition to the scholarly articles and research she has pro-

duced, Hamble served as editor for Studies in Medieval and Renaissance Teaching as well as co-editor of several volumes of Teaching in the Middle Ages.

Served for seven years as Chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. Her work with PASSHE included overseeing the state's 14-campus, 110,000-student public university system.

Under Hamble's lead, the PASSHE's minority enrollment increased from 3.7 percent to 11.4 percent.

Hamble announced that she would be leaving her position at PASSHE in 2007, to pursue other opportunities. When the position of UMW president opened, Hamble jumped on it.



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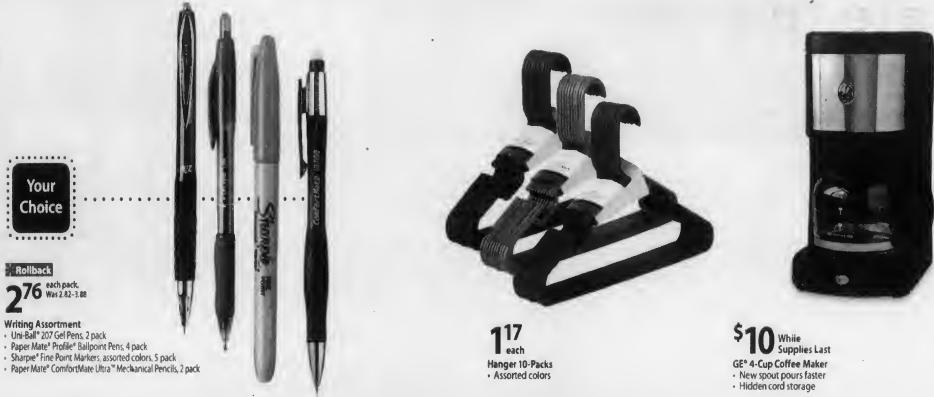
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Sports

...For Some Football?

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Like almost every year, the NFC West division title is up for grabs, but will most likely be snatched by the Seattle Seahawks and their powerhouse defense. The 49ers are a mess at almost every offensive position and many defensive ones as well. The Arizona Cardinals have one of the best receiver tandems in the league but are unsure who will be throwing the ball. St. Louis has a very good team on paper but only when healthy. Both Marc Bulger and Stephen Jackson need to stay healthy in order for the Rams to go deep.

The NFC North is also a toss-up but there are certain teams who should be more prepared to compete. The Chicago Bears don't have a franchise quarterback but do have a very good defense. Kyle Orton will have to pick up some of the slack though. The Detroit Lions and The Green Bay Packers will most likely compete for second place but either one could take the division if they play above their potential.

Quarterback Tavaris Jackson of the Minnesota Vikings will have to make plays on offense all season but it's no secret Minnesota will be running the ball. Equipped with not just one very good running back in Chester Taylor, but also the reigning NFL Rookie of the Year, Adrian Peterson. If the Vikings had even a decent quarterback I would probably give them the super bowl spot because of their stellar defense.

The NFC South was taken captive last year by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, after the New Orleans Saints could not repeat their 2006 performance when they had the best offense in the league. The Panthers will most likely compete with the Saints for first place in the South.

The Atlanta Falcons will unfortunately be competing at any time this season. Though they have rookie quarterback Matt Ryan from Boston

College, their offensive line won't keep most defenses from him. When Ryan can get the ball off, Roddy White is almost sure to be double teamed this year because he is the only down field threat.

Last but certainly not least, the division that has sent three teams to the playoffs the past two years in a row, the NFC East. The preseason favorites for the division are, like last year, the Cowboys.

The Boys have a terrific defense, and a great passing and running game. Coach Wade Phillips has no excuses this year. The defending champion G-men and the Philadelphia Eagles are most likely to place second in the division but, with other teams emerging in the NFC, they may only be one wild card up for grabs in the East.

Unfortunately for Washington fans, the Skins are in one of the most difficult divisions in the league. Though they made the playoffs with a wild card spot last year, teams like the Panthers, Rams and Eagles were all hurting at priority positions. This year they will be more equipped to handle the



Washington and running back Clinton Portis will look to control the clock this year with a strong ground performance.

Courtesy www.bigmactogo.blogspot.com

regular season.

In the end, I see the Cowboys, Seahawks, Vikings, Saints taking their divisions with the Panthers, Rams and the rest of the NFC East working for the wild card spots.

Hopefully we will get some surprises this year, but as of now a Patriots-Cowboys Super Bowl seems just as likely as it did at the beginning of the 2007 season.

Team of the Week

Cross Country earns the honors this week after the men's team was ranked third in their region and the women's team was ranked seventh in the country.

Athlete of the Week

For their hard work during preseason camps, all NCAA and club athletes earn this week's honor.

Student-Athletes Among the Best

By JOEY MERKEL
Sports Editor

In case you haven't been on top of the Mary Washington sports scene this summer, here's a look back at all the awards and honors that were handed out to none other than our own Mary Washington Eagles.

In the baseball world, recent UMW graduate Alex Rossi was named an honorable mention All-Regional selection by the American Baseball Coaches Association and Rawlings. Teammate Riley Gorman was selected to the South Region ABCA/Rawlings Gold Glove Team for his stellar play in centerfield. The senior did not commit an error in any of the 39 games he played this year.

At the NCAA Division III Championships on May 23, UMW alumna Cristy Falcone finished seventh overall in the 3,000 meter steeplechase. With her finish, Falcone was awarded All-American status. Senior Mae Winchester finished eighth in the 400 hurdles also earning All-American status.

Being an All-American was just one of Winchester's accomplishments this semester. In July, she was selected to the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Association's women's Division III All-Academic Track and Field team.

Senior Justin German was named to the Cosida Academic All-District Track and Field team.

After leading the Division III nation in assists (4.5), recent UMW graduate, attack Caitlin Erickson was named second team All-American by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coached Association and U.S. Lacrosse. Erickson also led the nation and broke the NCAA Division III season record with 7.94 points per game. Erickson was also featured in the August 4 issue of Sports Illustrated magazine in the "Faces in the Crowd" segment.

On August 11, another round of awards were presented to seniors Emily Gallugi and Julia Miller. The seniors were named to the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coached Association's Division III Academic Honor Roll.

After a successful year in which they advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division III national tournament for the fourth time in six years, the men's tennis team finished the season ranked ninth in the nation among Division III schools.

Individually, senior Randy Loden and classmate John James finished 13th and 16th in the nation respectively. Both of the students earned All-American honors. Loden earned a second All-American honor with freshman Kaz Matura in doubles competition finishing eighth in the nation.

The women's tennis team also had three ath-



Senior Mae Winchester earned All-American honors at Nationals.

letes earn All-American honors. Natalia Fugate and Stephanie Kurti earned the honor in doubles competition while Becky Morse-Karzen earned honors in both singles and doubles finishing the year ranked 13th in the nation.

Big news for the school this year as the Eagles finished first in the state for Division II and III schools in win percentage. The athletic department claimed the Virginia Sports Information Directors All-Sports Award with a total win percentage of 71.9, edging out Christopher Newport University who scored a .714.

Were you too busy to move-in to see a game this weekend? Come out to the Battlegrounds next Saturday and Sunday for a doubleheader of soccer. The men's team will be playing Elizabethtown College on August 30 at 3:30; and Gettysburg College on August 31 at 3:30.

The first field hockey game of the season will take place September 6 at 2:00 pm against Wittenberg University. Make sure to come out for the team's first Capital Athletic Conference match of the season on September 13 at home against York College of Pennsylvania.

The first home women's soccer match of the season will be September 10 against Christopher Newport University at 4:00.

Honors and awards have been handed out all summer long. Congratulations to those who were acknowledged for their hard work and dedication.

Love sports but hate to sweat?



Toss your running shoes aside and write about it instead!

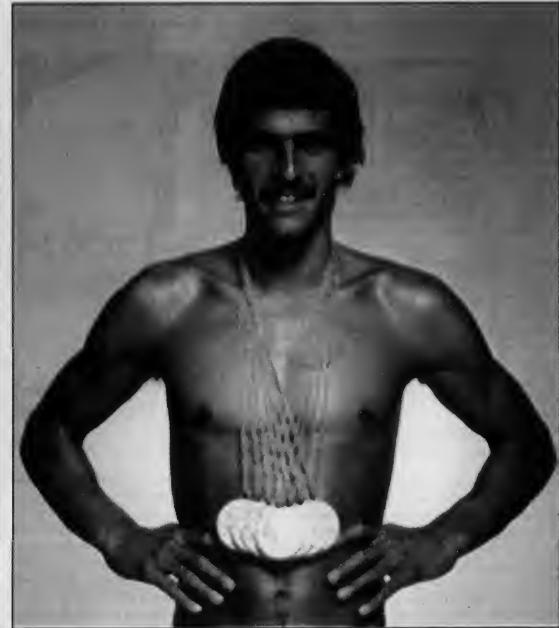
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Sports

Phelps Surpasses Spitz



Courtesy www.dylanland.com
In just nine days, American Michael Phelps won eight gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. Eight medals surpassed Mark Spitz's record of seven golds.



Courtesy www.suttonshoo.blogspot.com

By JOEY MERKEL
Sports Editor

Though the event takes place thousands of miles away in Beijing, this year's Olympics really hit home for me as fellow Towson High School graduate Michael Phelps was set to make history.

Beginning August 9, people from all over the world were witnesses to something that had never been done before: Eight gold medals by one athlete in a single Olympics.

Before the games had started, it was questioned; could it really be done? Could one person be so dominant in every aspect of his or her sport as to blow away the competition in eight separate events?

On August 16 at a little after 11 p.m. EST, the world watched as the American made history. After he and his teammates won the 4x100 medley, Phelps had collected his eighth gold medal.

Since the end of the 2004 games in Athens, experts realized Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals in one Olympics was breakable. After Phelps won six gold medals at just 19 years old, the stage seemed already set for a "Phelps vs. the World" showdown in Beijing.

It was in his second gold medal race that Phelps would be given one of his very few challenges along the way to eight. For it was not just himself he had to rely on, but his relay teammates as well.

Going into the race the Americans were underdogs to the powerful French team, racing in the lane to the left of the U.S. Heading into the fourth leg of the race, it was Jason Lezak, the oldest member of the team at 32, who would show his power.

Behind over .6 seconds, Lezak had a lot of ground to make up in only 100 meters. Time was running short to catch the French-mammoth Alain

Bernard. Closer and closer he got, it didn't seem possible. Bernard was slowing and Lezak was in stride. As both hit the wall, "1) UNITED STATES 2) FRANCE" lit up in the lanes immediately. Lezak, with the best 100m freestyle time in the history of swimming edged out Bernard by just .08 seconds.

That night and for the next few days, it was being called the best race in a pool, ever. How could a race like that be unped? Come from behind, photo finish and part of Phelps' history making road to eight gold medals.

The answer would come just a couple days later. Friday night in America/Saturday morning in Beijing, Phelps' biggest test would come in the 100m butterfly. Fellow American Ian Crocker and Serbian Milorad Cavic were both gunning for the one spot.

At the 50 meter split, Phelps' name was not in the top three and it looked as if his run in Beijing

would come to an end. With just 15 meters to go, things got interesting, when from out of nowhere Phelps was suddenly only a couple strokes off the leader's, Cavic, pace.

At the wall, it was as close as it could be. But as "1) PHELPS" lit up in the pool, it left fans wondering "how in the world did he come back?" Cavic was edged out of first by Phelps with just a .01 second margin.

An unbelievable finish was all that was needed to end the fairytale-esque run at Beijing for Phelps. At the end of the swimming events, in just nine days time, Phelps had broken six world records in the races alone.

On top of the six races, he set the records for most gold medals in a single Olympics (8), most gold medals in a career (14), most total medals in a career by a male athlete (16). If Phelps can copy any of his success in London, he will surely move into first for most total medals ever.

Are You Ready...

By JOEY MERKEL
Sports Editor

Is your favorite baseball team out of contention? Do you have no interest in the U.S. Open? Mad about the Olympics being over? Worry not sports minors, the NFL is back, and not just pre-season.

After four long weeks of agonizingly uninspiring, pre-season play, the football season officially commences next Thursday the 4th with the defending champion New York Giants and the hometown Washington Redskins. The teams kickoff at 7:00 p.m. at the Meadowlands in New York.

This year all but promises to be very similar to last year. The top teams in the AFC haven't really shuffled too much. The under-achieving San Diego Chargers, the over-achieving New England Patriots, and the Indianapolis Colts will most likely fight for the AFC spot in the Super Bowl.

Interestingly enough, all three of the teams have either lost a top player or have impact players currently injured. The Patriots lost a large part of their defense after losing both of their starting cornerbacks; Asante Samuel to the Philadelphia Eagles and Randall Gay to the New Orleans Saints.

The Chargers will take the division and I see the Broncos and the Raiders in a tight race for second. The Broncos have already lost their number one wide receiver, Brandon Marshall, for the first two, possibly three games of the season due to legal troubles and haven't had an established running back since Terrell Davis. The Kansas City Chiefs will have a tough time running the ball with their offensive line and a tougher time throwing because their quarterback is Brodie Croyle.

Like the AFC East, the West probably won't be much of a competition.

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In the South, on paper the Colts are the best team but that's not to say that the Jackson Jaguars won't be nipping at their heels all year. The Jags have a fierce two-headed monster running attack in Maurice Jones-Drew and the Not-So "Fragile" Anymore, Fred Taylor. If they don't wing the divi-



Courtesy Clint Olsen
Brett Favre's trade from the Green Bay Packers to the New York Jets was the biggest move of the off-season.

sion, I think the Jaguars could easily get a wild card and have some people worried in the playoffs if they can establish their receivers. The Titans and Vince Young might finally become the team they are paper, a mediocre lineup with no receivers and no established running game, by an actual running back. Until the Houston Texans change their offensive line, their quarterback's life will always be at risk. They at least tried this year, drafting offensive tackle Duane Brown out of Texas in the first round.

In the AFC, the only division lead that isn't all but written in stone is up in the North. The Pittsburgh Steelers and Cleveland Browns will most likely be vying for the lead and possibly the second wild card spot. The Browns only got better in the off-season, adding Donte Stallworth, Corey

Williams and Shaun Rogers. The Bengals could be a dark-horse candidate for the top spot this year but with the apparent shoulder injury to Chad Johnson, it seems like another season of mediocrity.

The Baltimore Ravens added depth to their secondary this year, signing cornerback Frank Walker and Fabian Washington. Because their quarterback situation isn't settled their fans can hope for a .500 season.

Playoff teams this year should include the Patriots, Colts, Chargers, Steelers and Jaguars. For the last wild card spot, the Browns and the Jets seem like the best bet.

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